

CLAIMS

1. A method of labelling an image for display on a screen comprising the steps of retrieving the image, displaying the image rotated, and displaying first and second text labels on the image wherein each label identifies a part or feature of the image, and wherein the first text label is displayed in accordance with one labelling scheme, and the second text label is displayed in accordance with a different labelling scheme.
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- 10 2. A method according to claim 1 wherein one of the labelling schemes consists of displaying text labels rotated with the image.
- 15 3. A method according to claim 1 wherein one of the labelling schemes consists of displaying text labels rotated to one of a plurality of possible orientations relative to the rotated image.
- 20 4. A method according to claim 3 wherein one of the labelling schemes consists of displaying text labels rotated to one of a plurality of possible orientations relative to the rotated image; and wherein the angular separation between those possible orientations is constant.
- 25 5. A method according to claim 4 wherein one of the labelling schemes consists of displaying text labels rotated to one of an odd plurality of possible orientations relative to the rotated image.
6. A method according to claim 1 wherein one of the labelling schemes consists of displaying text labels horizontal on the display.
- 30 7. A method according to any preceding claim further comprising the step of displaying the image unrotated prior to displaying the image rotated, wherein the first and second text labels are displayed on the unrotated

image in accordance with the same respective schemes as used for the rotated image.

8. A method according to any preceding claim wherein each text label displayed on the image is retrieved for display from a database which indicates either directly or indirectly which labelling scheme it is to be displayed in accordance with.

9. A method according to any preceding claim wherein the first and second text labels are members of first and second groups of text labels respectively; and wherein text labels in the same group are displayed in accordance with the same labelling scheme.

10. A method of labelling an image for display on a screen comprising the steps of retrieving the image, displaying the image rotated, and displaying a text label on the image rotated to one of a plurality of possible orientations relative to the rotated image.

11. A method according to claim 10 wherein the angular separation between those possible orientations is constant.

12. A method according to claim 11 wherein the angular separation between those possible orientations is constant and the number of possible orientations relative to the rotated image is odd.

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13. A computer program comprising instructions for performing a method according to any preceding claim.

14. A computer-readable storage medium having recorded thereon data representing instructions for performing a method according to any of claims 1 to 12.

15. Apparatus having a display and a processor configured to perform a method according to any of claims 1 to 1.